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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Staff of the House Select Committee  
on Government Research

1. On Friday, 19 June 1964, I met with Mr. Micah H. Naftalin, General Counsel, and Mr. Fitzpatrick and Miss Annette K. Murray, staff members of the House Select Committee on Government Research. We had previously received from the Committee one verbal inquiry and one written inquiry for Agency cooperation in the submission of detailed information on CIA research and development programs. The first inquiry had to do with grants and contracts in the research and development field and the second with informational aspects of our research and development program.
2. I advised the Committee staff that we had looked into this matter very carefully and it was our opinion that we would be unable to provide a meaningful, unclassified contribution to the Committee's studies in this field. It was suggested then that perhaps we could submit a classified response. I attempted to point out the special character of Agency information in this field which would preclude our providing even a classified response. In this connection, I mentioned that I had talked with Representative Melvin Price about this problem. Mr. Price is a member of the Select Committee and is also a member of the House Armed Services CIA Subcommittee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. I pointed out that as a member of these other committees he was intimately acquainted with many of the details involved in our research and development program and could appreciate our problem in attempting to cooperate with the Select Committee.
3. After some discussion, the Committee staff indicated a degree of appreciation of the problem and thought we could be excluded from overall participation. However, they did ask if we could provide answers to the following questions:

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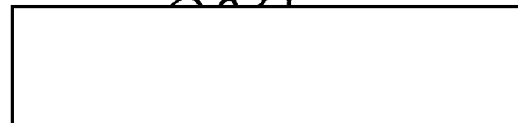
a. The relationship to the Agency's scientific translation program with respect to programs being conducted by other departments and agencies of the Government.

b. Our figures on estimated costs of translation of foreign documents on a per-page basis.

c. Whether the Agency has any procedure for review of classified projects with a view toward ultimate declassification and dissemination of the information to the public.

d. Information on studies on Soviet scientific and technical manpower.


4. In a very general way, I believe I was able to satisfy the Committee staff with regard to release procedures. However, if something specific could be said on this subject it should be included in our informal response. Copies of this memorandum are being sent to OCR and OCS for specific responses to these questions.



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